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## CHAUTAUQUA HAS GREAT PROGRAM

Third Annual Summer Educational Event Comes in June This Year. Brilliant Array of Varied Talent Contracted For.

The program for this chautauqua is one of the st. in lectures and musically ever-sented by the Redpath-Horner Bureau.

Although this is Durant's third summer for chautauquas, it should be the best. With a varied and versatile program like the following, every citizen should enthrall himself to boost such a project for the big five days' entertainment to be held here beginning June 24th.

The Hawaiians' Orchestra will be one of the leading musical numbers, giving a strictly Hawaiian program, playing native instruments and singing native songs in costume. The members of this organization are educated men and women from Honolulu. Having received an education on their native islands, together with the practical schooling through much foreign travel, this company will display a truly talented program.

Bryan county is interested in good roads this summer. The chautauqua will bring just the man to help promote country roads. Mr. Edwin Rogers, from Trenton, Mo., is the man who put his county on the map. He is a "Town Doctor," an organizer of church alliances and a commercial men's lecturer. You will like his style of getting people to cooperate and to pull together. He has humor with his roasts, causing his audiences to be entertained, as well as wanting to get out and do things after hearing his lecture.

The children will not be forgotten in this program. A "Children's Night" has been arranged for in the form of "An Evening in Magic," by "The Nortons." Mr. and Mrs. Norton are young people themselves and know what the young folks want. Their program is spectacular and is full of surprises.

Although this is a "kids' program, the old folks will like it too.

All of the numbers appearing on this five days' program are equally strong, and without amateurs. "The Rawels Family" has appeared in almost every old independent chautauqua. The Rawels are native New Zealanders, giving a missionary program, with songs, pictures, music, and talks, in costume.

Congressman Aswell, from Louisiana, will re-appear on the Durant platform. Mr. Aswell was here two years ago, and will be remembered by many who heard him. He is called the Humorist of the House, at Washington. The day he comes will be "Teachers' Day." For a number of terms Mr. Aswell was state superintendent of instruction in his home state, and a popular southern lecturer.

A male quartet is always popular with a chautauqua audience. The "Panama Quartet" comprises four splendid voices, with a perfect blending of tone. Not only do these young men sing, but they entertain the children and grown-ups alike. This quartet will be the opening number of the program. It will be a number most pleasing to all. A good starter and appetizer. Mr. Cox, one of the members of the quartet, is an entertainer who alone is worth a season ticket.

Some of the other numbers on the program are: The Hughes Sisters, giving a novelty program in music. These ladies play the violin and harp, sing some of their own compositions, and give readings.

Dr. Benj. S. Haywood, of Nebraska, is a great orator and an educational lecturer.

The Trigliss mixed quartet will bring good music, displaying a talented musical prelude both afternoon and night on the fourth day.

An orchestra of ten Venetians, directed by Signor Ferrante, will close the nineteen-fifteen chautauqua. Two well known grand opera singers will accompany this orchestra, giving a spice of opera selections for the opera lovers. Other numbers will be announced later. Read the "News" and keep posted on the good things Durant is to have this summer.

### GERMAN REPLY DELAYED

The German Government's reply to the United States' note relative to the Lusitania disaster has been delayed pending outcome of the Italian war matter.

### TEXT CITY AT NORMAL

Work of erecting the Tent City at the Normal School Campus is now in progress, and when completed, accommodations for both sleeping quarters and board will be available for some two hundred young men. There is a commissary tent, 36x65 feet, where meals will be served; an auditorium tent 60x100 feet, where lectures and classes will be held, and one hundred smaller tents sufficient in size to furnish sleeping quarters for two persons in each. Sleeping tents are to be rented at \$6 for term, and meals will be provided at \$50 per week.

### CALL TWO-CENT FARE

It has been practically agreed between counsel that the two-cent fare suit will be called in the Federal Court at Oklahoma City before Judge Youmans of the Western District of Arkansas on May 27. May 24 had been set for the date for resuming these cases, but the Attorney General and Corporation Commissioner Henshaw are in Washington attending the Interstate Commerce hearing on a kindred subject and the delay has been agreed to. It is not considered probable that the case will go on trial on that date.

### \$16,000,000 WORTH OF CANNON

The English government this week placed the largest order for cannon yet received by an American steel concern. The Bethlehem Steel Works, of Pennsylvania, has received the English government's check for \$16,500,000, covering their order for 8,000 cannon of modern types.

### NEGRO FACES ELECTROCUTION

The first death penalty to be assessed in Oklahoma under the administration of Governor Williams was imposed at Hobart last week. R. C. Morehead, a negro, found guilty of killing Clifford Garrison at Snyder, Feb. 7, last, is the man.

While Oklahoma has for several years had a law providing for execution by electrocution, there is as yet no electric chair in the state. This is owing to the well known policy of Governor Cruce, who went out of office last January, of commuting all death penalties.

The last legislature made an appropriation for buying a death chair to be placed in the penitentiary at McAlester, and such a chair is now being constructed there under the direction of the State Board of Affairs. Its construction was begun while there was yet no death sentence awaiting execution. This was done, as explained by A. N. Wilcox, a member of the Board, in order that there might be no necessity for haste in constructing the chair after a sentence of death should be imposed.

### RECEPTION TO SENIORS

Tuesday afternoon of this week President and Mrs. W. C. Canterbury of the Normal School tendered the senior class of the school a reception at their home on Fourth Avenue and Cedar street. The reception hours were from three until six o'clock in the afternoon, and was attended by many visitors. Refreshments were served.

### MONEY CANNOT BE SEIZED

The bank roll is safe from confiscation by officers of the law. This is the gist of an opinion by Commissioner Collier of the Supreme Court in the case of the State of Oklahoma against certain paraphernalia taken in a raid by officers on a place where intoxicating liquors were sold and gambling conducted. Among the other things accumulated by the raiding party was a bank roll from the gambling rooms. It contained \$138.25. Judge Collier agreed in his opinion with the lower court in holding that the law does not authorize the officer making a seizure to take the money found on the tables.

### GOVERNOR WILLIAMS TO TAKE A VACATION

The attention of Governor Williams was recently called to a press item which quoted him as saying he "would not have any fool-lieutenant governor stunts" while he was in office. He denied having said anything of the kind, and stated emphatically that he expects Lieutenant-Governor Trap to occupy the executive offices on occasions when business may call him out of the state. The Governor said: "Some time during the summer I expect to take a vacation of two or three weeks, and when I do I expect to notify the Lieutenant-Governor in time so that he can arrange his business to act as Governor during my absence. I have every confidence in the Lieutenant-Governor, and I don't apprehend any trouble or difference with him in the administration of the affairs of State."

### WANTS ARMAMENT FOR PEACE

John O. Hibben, President Wilson's successor as president of the Princeton University, and one of the greatest students of economics and international affairs in the world, started the East this week when in an address he advocated that this government prepare for war by heavy armament as a means of compelling peace. In his address, among other things, Mr. Hibben says that this government cannot afford to trade national honor for peace. Mr. Hibben says that this country has a dark and uncertain future.

### SPIES THICK IN U. S.

Speakers at the national convention of the naval and military order of the Spanish-American war, at Chicago recently, declared that the United States is as honey-combed with spies as any European nation. It was asserted that in the hotels, public offices, and even in the military forces of the Nation were informants who kept foreign governments in touch with American affairs.

### ITALY TO GO TO WAR

Late news dispatches indicate that Italy has definitely decided to declare war upon Austria, although the formal declaration has not yet been made. All efforts for Italy and Austria to get together on territorial concessions appear to have failed. In the meantime Austria is attempting to deal the Russian army a telling blow before it becomes necessary to bring an army against the invading Italians.

## SUPREME COURT KILLS SEC. 12A

Plan of Revenue From Public School System Then Taxes of Corporations Has Been Knocked Out In Decision by Justice Kane.

The Supreme Court Tuesday last knocked out the celebrated revenue plan in section 12A of the Constitution adopted as an amendment in August, 1913, in so far as it may be executed without legislative vitalization. The case was that of the County Treasurer of Choctaw County against a school district in that county. The opinion is by Chief Justice Kane. This suit was a test case and upon it hinged whether revenues derived from public service corporations shall be distributed under existing law or under the amendment involved. The recent Legislature refused to vitalize the amendment and adopted a joint resolution to submit to the voters a proposition to amend the Constitution by striking out the section known as 12A.

An injunction was asked in the District Court of Choctaw county in favor of the school district treasurer against the County Treasurer. The lower court granted the injunction, and this court affirms that judgment. Justice Kane in his opinion says:

"Whilst the taxes mentioned herein obviously were collected solely for school district purposes, and were levied, not upon the property of public service corporations, but upon the taxable property situated in the school district, section 12A does not in terms purport to provide for the assessment, levy, or collection of a tax, but directs how taxes for school purposes could, against a certain class of property, be disposed of when collected, evidently assuming that there was a law in existence at the time of its adoption which provided for the levy and collection of such a tax or that some subsequent Legislature would supply the omission. If, as we conclude, section 12A is not self-executing then the law in effect at the time of its adoption was not thereby repealed and will continue to be the law governing the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for school district purposes."

Text of section 12A under consideration, is as follows:

"All taxes collected for the maintenance of the common schools of this state, and which are levied upon the property of any railroad company, telegraph company, or upon the property of any public service corporation which operates in more than one county of this state, shall be paid into the common school fund and distributed as are other common school funds of this state."

Bitter struggles were enacted in the Legislature in an effort to vitalize this section of the Constitution.

Failure was followed by adoption of a resolution to repeal the section. The people will vote on the question in 1916. Senator Campbell Russell, of Warner, was protagonist of section 12A and sought by it to equalize the revenues to the public schools from public service corporations that operate in more than one county.

### MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAWS LOSE THEIR FIGHT

The Court of Claims at Washington has dismissed a suit brought by the estate of Chas. F. Winton for services in securing legislation to give members of the Choctaw nation who remained in the state of Mississippi the rights of Choctaw citizens and a proportionate share of the lands allotted to Choctaws when the nation moved to Oklahoma. This case involved one of the twenty-one claims made by various attorneys for survivors to the Mississippi Choctaws, aggregating over \$2,000,000. The Mississippi Indians agreed to pay from 25 to 50 per cent of their prospective allotment of Oklahoma lands. The value of these lands was estimated at about \$15,000,000.

### MAY SOUTHEASTERN GAZETTE

The May issue of the Southeastern Gazette has been delayed this month awaiting the arrival of illustrations to be used in the magazine. The May number will be largely pictorial and will be devoted largely to the Graduating Class of the Normal and to the Summer School. Editor Wickham is hoping to make the number the best issue yet.



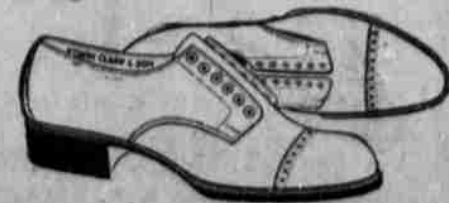
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